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Dear Criminal Justice Professionals:

Welcome to the March edition of "Evaluation News: Expanding Knowledge Through Information Exchange." This monthly E-newsletter contains national and state evaluation publication sources, resources, news updates, and information on upcoming conferences. The E-newsletter provides evaluation information to states on a regular basis using technology to promote information exchange and enhance capacity to access the research community.

NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS

"Lexington County Domestic Violence Court: A Partnership and Evaluation", submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice by the University of South Carolina, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, is available through NCJRS (NCJ 204023). The report is a process and impact evaluation examining the implementation of South Carolina's Criminal Domestic Violence Court. The study also assesses the courts impact on domestic violence recidivism in Lexington County. The complete document can be downloaded at:
<<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/grants/204023.pdf>>
(February 2004)

"A Detailed Cost Analysis in a Mature Drug Court Setting: A Cost-Benefit Evaluation of the Multnomah County Drug Court", submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice by NPC Research, Inc., is available through NCJRS (NCJ 203558). The report examines investment costs and benefits of operating the Multnomah County drug court. The complete document can be downloaded at: <<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/grants/203558.pdf>>
(January 2004)

"Evaluation of the Locally Initiated Research Partnership Program", submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice by the Institute for Law and Justice, is available through NCJRS (NCJ 204022). The report represents a comprehensive review of the program initiated to promote effective program evaluation and research for police agencies developing community policing strategies. The complete document can be downloaded at:
<<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/grants/204022.pdf>>
(January 2004)

Has your state published recent evaluation reports? Contact Veronica Puryear to insure your work is included in a future edition of Evaluation News!

NATIONAL EVALUATION NEWS CONTINUED

"Protective Order Enforcement Team (POET) Evaluation", submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice by the Iowa Department of Justice and Utah State University, is available through NCJRS (NCJ 203980). The report discusses shortcomings that led to the failure of the originally designed program in Woodbury County, Iowa and also examines factors necessary for the assessment of risk and allocation of resources. The complete document can be downloaded at: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/grants/203980.pdf> (January 2004)

STATE EVALUATION NEWS

The West Virginia Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center, has released a report entitled, "West Virginia STOP Violence Against Women Project Evaluation." This report examines data on victims and their cases to determine the extent that efforts are coordinated between law enforcement, prosecution and victim services providers to develop strategies in response domestic violence against women. The report is available at: <http://www.wvdcjs.com/publications/VAWAFY01EVAL.pdf>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

The Eastern Evaluation Research Society's Annual Conference, Effective Evaluation: Negotiating the Methods Maze, will be held Sunday, April 18th, 2004 through Tuesday, April 20th, 2004 at the Seaview Marriott Resort and Spa in Absecon, New Jersey. The full conference agenda is available: <http://www.eers.org/conference.htm>

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Annual Conference on Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation will be held Monday, July 19th, 2004 through Wednesday, July 21st, 2004 at the J. W. Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC. For more information, visit: <http://www.nijpcs.org/RE/index.htm>

The National Drug Court Institute will be hosting it's 2004 Comprehensive Drug Court Practitioner Training Series. Examples of trainings being offered are the Regional Evaluation Trainings being held October 1-2, 2004 in Las Vegas, NV and November 12-13, 2004 in Dallas, TX. For complete information on all the training series, visit: <http://ndci.org/Catalog20032.pdf>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is seeking proposals to conduct research and evaluation relevant to State and/or local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice in areas such as policing, community crime prevention, justice system improvements, corrections, and alcohol- and drug-related crime. The deadlines are March 31, 2004 and September 28, 2004. For complete details see: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000663.pdf> >

RESOURCES

For more information about evaluation visit: [<http://www.bja.evaluationwebsite.org/index.html>](http://www.bja.evaluationwebsite.org/index.html)

SAGE Publications has several new books on evaluation-related topics. Information concerning the books listed below are available on their Web Site at: [<http://www.sagepub.com>](http://www.sagepub.com)

- [Practicing Evaluation: A Collaborative Approach](#) by Rita G. O'Sullivan. February 2004
- [Evaluation Roots: Tracing Theorists' Views and Influences](#) by Marvin C. Alkin. February 2004

PREVIOUSLY FEATURED RESOURCES

The Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center (JJEC) at the Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA) offers a web tutorial that provides a series of lessons on program evaluation designed to assist those interested in conducting juvenile justice program evaluations. The on-line tutorial can be accessed by visiting the JRSA web site at: [<http://www.jrsa.org>](http://www.jrsa.org), clicking on "Juvenile Justice Evaluation Center" located on the left side of the web page, and clicking on "Evaluation: A Tool for Program Improvement," under the "What's New With JJEC" section.

"Taking Stock, A Practical Guide to Evaluating Your Own Programs" by Horizon Research, Inc., is available at: [<http://www.horizon-research.com/reports/1997/stock.pdf>](http://www.horizon-research.com/reports/1997/stock.pdf). The manual was written for those who want information that will help improve their organization's programs, those whose sponsors may be asking about the quality and impact of the programs they are funding, and those who may be applying for a grant that requires an evaluation plan.

The International Consortium for the Advancement of Academic Publications' information provides information on how to conduct evaluations, including approaches, manuals and guides which can be accessed by visiting Section II of the following: [<http://gsociology.icaap.org/methods/books.htm>](http://gsociology.icaap.org/methods/books.htm)

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